

MINUTES OF THE VIGO COUNTY COUNCIL

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Pledge of Allegiance

Calling of the roll

Roll Call.

Present: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Absent/Excused: Jim Hellmann.

Corrections to the journal of the preceding meeting, if needed

- January 8, 2008

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Darrick Scott, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Tim Curley.

Public comment.

There were none.

Communications from elected officials of the County.

Commissioner Paul Mason expressed concern about extra help in the Veteran's Affairs Department.

Communications from other officials or agencies.

There were none.

Reports from standing committees.

The following took part in the discussion of a proposal for land acquisition for the development of the Wabash River National Road Wetland Reservation:

- Keith Ruble, Park & Recreation Dept
- Eddie Adams, District Conservationist – NRCS – USDA
- Rod Henry, President – Terre Haute Chamber of Commerce
- Pat Martin, TH City Planner
- Dr. John Whitaker, Scientist – Life Science Professor - ISU
- John McNichols, ISU Cross Country Coach
- Dan McGlone, Attorney – WTH Resident
- Chris Wilbur, Pastor – WTH, Dresser Church
- Kevin Gardener, Business owner, WTH
- Judy Anderson, Commissioner

- Joe Seliken
- Floyd Cheeseman, WTH Resident

Acquisition of land request passed through the Special Projects Committee with a 3-0 vote.

Vote for land acquisition.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

President Darrick Scott called for a five-minute recess.

Lou Britton, Attorney. Requesting consideration for Tax Abatement for Real and Personal Property for Applied Extrusion Technologies, Inc. (AET).

Motion: , **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion passed (**summary:** Yes = 5, No = 0, Abstain = 1).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Abstain: Mike Morris.

President Darrick Scott asked permission from the Council to address Salary Ordinances 2008-2 through 2008-18 next on the agenda, ahead of the Additional Appropriation Ordinances. There were no objections.

Salary Ordinance 2008-2 through 2008-18

The Personnel Committee approved the ordinances. Mr. Tim Curley, Chair, explained that these ordinances address annual grade adjustments looked at by the committee every February. The committee has approved increasing employees currently at Grade 5 or 6, to Grade 7, excluding custodial employees who will be Grade 6 as well as Awake Night Supervisors in the Juvenile Center who will also go to Grade 6.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Reports from select committees.

There were none.

Ordinances relating to appropriations.

There were none.

Additional Appropriations 2008-1 through 2008-19

Additional Appropriation 2008-1

The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. Ms. Kathy Miller verified the requested amount for rent needed for Soil & Water. An amendment was needed. The amount requested should be \$3,173. The appropriation was overlooked when the budget was prepared.

To amend Additional Appropriation 2008-1 **Motion:** , **Action:** Amend, **Moved by** Kathy Miller, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The Budget Adjustment Committee also approved the Prosecutor's request. Rob Roberts explained that this expense was unforeseen, therefore not requested during budget sessions. This expense was incurred to remove Scott Javins' car from the Wabash River.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mark Bird.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-2

The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. The Guardian Ad Litem Fund is requesting grant monies be appropriated in order to pay part-time employees. The appropriation does not include any County funds.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mike Morris, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-3

The Budget Adjustment Committee approved the ordinance. The Convention & Tourism office has moved and now requires appropriations in order to pay for rent, gas, and electricity.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-4

The Annual Budget Committee approved the ordinance. The County Council has been asked to provide a local match in the amount of \$36,000 to support the continuation of the Vigo County Rural Transit Program for 2008.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Mark Bird, **Seconded by** Tim Curley.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Additional Appropriation 2008-5 through 2008-19

The Personnel Committee approved the ordinances. The ordinances are needed to fund Salary Ordinances 2008-2 through 2008-18 that have already been approved by the Council.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Resolution for Re-Allocation of Existing Appropriations 2008-1

The Personnel Committee approved the resolution. Adult Protective Services is requesting a transfer of funds to compensate for a pay increase for a Caseworker. The funds come from grant money from the State, not from any County funds.

Motion: **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Resolution 2008-2, Amended

The Personnel Committee approved the resolution. Prosecutor Title IV-D is requesting an open Caseworker position be filled. Also, the Health Department is requesting a full-time Nurse position with an agreement to remove the part-time Nurse position.

As Amended

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Honorary resolutions.

There were none.

Resolutions relating to fiscal policies of the Council.

There were none.

First reading by summary reference of proposed ordinances and resolutions.

President Scott assigned Request of Council for the March 25, 2008 meeting to committee for further review.

Amendment to the 2008 Salary Ordinance.

The Personnel Committee made a recommendation to amend the 2008 Salary Ordinance regarding public defense attorneys in the Public Defender's Office.

Mr. Brad Anderson made a suggestion to change some of the wording to the original recommendation.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Mike Morris.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Brad Anderson, Darrick Scott, Kathy Miller, Mark Bird, Mike Morris, Tim Curley.

Appointments.

Mr. Tim Curley stated that all appointments to all boards have been submitted. The list of new appointments will be on file in the Vigo County Auditor's Office during normal business hours for the following boards: Alcoholic Beverage Board, E911 Advisory Board, Emergency Management Council, Pre-Disaster Planning Committee, Local Emergency Planning Commission, West Central Indiana Economic Development District, Inc., Data Processing Board, Building Inspection, Council Facilities, Services and Special Projects Committee, Ex-Officio, Vigo County Fair Board, Juvenile Detention Advisory Board.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Tim Curley, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

President Darrick Scott asked for closing comments from the Council.

Closing Comments

Brad Anderson mentioned that he had attended the NIC meeting and has a lot of important information to share with the other Council members.

Mark Bird reported that the City of Terre Haute is restarting their Terre Haute Citizen's Committee and is asking for an appointment from the County. The following motion was made to appoint Councilman Mark Bird to that committee.

Motion: , **Action:** Approve, **Moved by** Darrick Scott, **Seconded by** Brad Anderson.

Vote: Motion carried by unanimous vote (**summary:** Yes = 6).

Yes: Mike Morris, Brad Anderson, Kathy Miller, Tim Curley, Mark Bird, Darrick Scott.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 P.M.

Motion: , **Action:** Adjourn, **Moved by** Brad Anderson, **Seconded by** Kathy Miller.